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Early week prices were mixed, from unchanged to higher. As the week progressed prices in Chicago and New York were lower on all sizes while in other locations, prices were unchanged but were trending sharply lower. The market tone was weak. Retail demand was light to moderate with planned and scattered features providing the most interest. Supplies of all sizes ranged adequate to ample. Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to lower. Offerings were mostly fully adequate and held with less confidence as many breaking stock suppliers attempted to keep current production moving. Floor stocks in balance to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady to instances weak. Light type fowl offerings were at least adequate for the fair demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were lower with the balance of prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak. Cartoned egg sales were light to moderate at best with additional interest rapidly declining. Loose egg demand was light and had many suppliers questioning the sudden slow down in food service channels. Supplies were adequate to ample and building. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light with offerings held with decreasing confidence. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady to instances weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	71-78	73-75
LARGE	69-77	71-75
MEDIUM	62-68	65-68
MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA		

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, but trending sharply lower on all sizes. The market tone was weak and unsettled. Demand declined in some areas and ranged mostly light to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were available. Breaking stock offerings were short to balanced for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were fully adequate for slaughter requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	76-88	77-81
LARGE	70-85	75-79
MEDIUM	64-79	69-71
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT		

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL FOR WEEK ENDING 24-Jan-03 AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	78.00	76.00	66.00
SOUTHEAST	80.50	78.50	66.00
MIDWEST	73.00	72.00	62.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	80.50	79.00	65.75
COMBINED REGIONAL	78.10	76.49	65.08

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM JAN 27, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.3	18.6	5.8	14.3	12.0 60.0
	Change	0.4	3.3	0.8	5.2	2.3 25%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.3	55.1	10.4	21.8	31.0 142.6
	Change	2.4	21.4	0.6	4.7	5.8 32%
Large	Curr Wk	40.8	90.8	46.3	79.8	94.7 352.4
	Change	0.7	4.6	10.0	15.0	30.4 21%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.0	33.4	15.6	16.6	21.9 101.5
	Change	1.4	-5.5	3.2	1.1	1.2 1%
Small	Curr Wk	4.1	8.2	1.7	6.8	4.1 24.9
	Change	0.2	0.2	-1.6	-0.5	0.6 -4%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.2	34.3	7.8	16.3	6.1 68.7
	Change	-1.5	13.5	0.7	1.8	-1.9 22%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	19.6	31.3	17.2	31.8	29.0 128.9
	Change	2.6	-10.6	0.8	2.1	5.0 0%
Total	Curr Wk	116.3	271.7	104.8	187.4	198.8 879.0
Percent	Change	6%	11%	16%	19%	28% 16%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg		879.0		16%		175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/		269.9		-13%		38
Total Shell Egg		1148.9		7%		213

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 175 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	01-28-03	01-21-03	01-29-02
Large	54-58	53-57	46-49
Medium	45-49	41-45	39-43

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 25-Jan-03

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,090,348	26,315	9,700	5,416	2,681	4,164
PW	1,124,446	26,439	10,550	5,851	3,179	4,093
LY	1,087,298	24,718	10,855	5,822	2,620	4,076
% CHG PW	-3	0	-8	-7	-16	2
% CHG LY	0	6	-11	-7	2	2
2003	4,503,352	105,406	42,498	23,672	11,789	16,789
2002	4,461,832	98,362	46,331	24,653	12,222	16,853
% CHG YTD	1	7	-8	-4	-4	0

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.82	41.74	41.82
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.00	38.10	38.07

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	<u>Broiler Eggs Set in</u> <u>19 Selected States</u>		<u>Broiler Chicks Placed</u> <u>in 19 Selected States</u>	
	Jan 18	Jan 25	Jan 18	Jan 25
	Thousand			
AL	27,516	27,573	20,995	21,608
AR	31,023	31,087	24,397	23,950
DE	3,582	3,418	*5,317	4,549
FL	1,555	1,581	1,555	1,578
GA	30,888	31,330	*25,109	25,097
KY	*6,336	6,331	*5,092	5,134
MD	*9,669	9,865	*5,583	6,565
MS	18,829	19,241	15,873	15,937
NC	18,697	18,099	14,091	14,136
OK	6,408	6,596	4,066	4,289
PA	*3,578	3,487	*2,589	2,574
SC	4,792	4,823	4,341	4,100
TX	14,485	14,785	11,769	12,192
VA	6,387	6,629	*5,214	5,160
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,346	19,927	*17,842	19,175

19 State Total ***203,091** **204,772** ***163,833** **166,044**

Previous Year Total 205,220 206,876 168,359 167,400

Pct. of Prev. Year 99 99 97 99

* Revised

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 8-Mar-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 151.9 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 150.1 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 158.1 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 156.8 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 55.39 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 01/23/03-01/29/03

CLASS	ORG	DST	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
			SE	NE	NE	NE	MW	MW	
GNR W XL	—	62.00	—	—	—	—	59.00	—	4.00
GNR W 1	54.90	63.75	56.38	56.40	58.22	59.67	—	—	50.00
GNR W 2	—	65.00	—	—	—	—	56.00	—	4.00
GNR W 3	—	54.00	—	—	—	—	48.67	—	3.00
GL W J	—	—	76.00	77.00	61.88	—	—	—	5.00
GL W XL	—	76.14	66.75	68.40	57.85	—	—	—	37.50
GL W LG	—	74.13	63.50	67.82	57.49	71.00	—	—	46.00
GL W MD	—	66.47	48.00	51.00	48.60	—	—	—	18.25
GL W SM	33.75	36.00	32.00	33.50	—	—	—	—	6.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	41.00	—	—	43.00	—	24.25

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 25-Jan-2003

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS			W/E 20 Jan 2000	
SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT	CHG
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	21.5	24.1	-11	4
BOSTON	3.2	3.8	-16	-9
CHICAGO	42.5	44.2	-4	-14
DETROIT	27.3	26.2	4	3
KANSAS CITY	4.0	4.0	0	0
LOS ANGELES	84.3	87.1	-3	-21
NEW ORLEANS	12.8	12.9	-1	13
NEW YORK	33.6	34.6	-3	-10
ST. LOUIS	15.1	18.7	-19	-11
SAN FRANCISCO	22.2	22.9	-3	-8
TOTAL	266.5	278.5	-4	-15
4 WK MVG AVG	286.5			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 25-Jan-2003

	YOUNG		YOUNG		OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	1,512	2,504	55	10	4,081	
AVG WT	15.44	37.60	25.00	30.73	29.20	
LAST WEEK	1,717	2,681	69	9	4,476	
SAME WK YR AGO	1,594	2,600	57	4	4,255	
AVG WT	16.19	37.78	24.34	35.71	29.71	
TO-DATE/2003	6,268	9,781	218	47	16,314	
TO-DATE/2002	6,356	9,862	156	16	16,390	

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 25-Jan-2003
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	HEAD-	AVG	LIVE WT
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-		
N EAST	710	-12	20.64	(A)	712	20.64	
SATL	527	-32	34.16	(A)	529	34.16	
N CENT	2,059	0	33.36	(A)	2,061	33.36	
S CENT	450	1	21.31	(A)	452	21.31	
WEST	325	-14	24.39	(A)	327	24.39	
U.S. TOTAL	4,071 (B)	-9	29.20	10	4,081	29.20	
TO-DATE							
2003	16,267 (B)			47	16,314		
TO-DATE							
2002	16,374 (B)			16	16,390		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 55,000 for the year 218,000; last year to date 156,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 25-Jan-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	144,124	1,746	1,292	3,038	398
AVG WT	5.17	3.41	7.89	5.32	6.62
LAST WEEK	153,150	1,841	1,505	3,346	410
SAME WK YR AGO	156,221	1,784	1,232	3,016	454
AVG WT	5.16	3.58	7.80	5.30	6.74
TO-DATE/2003	576,608	6,502	5,337	11,839	1,617
TO-DATE/2002	592,644	7,075	5,079	12,154	1,798

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 145.9 million head or 7 million head less than or 95% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 01-Feb-03

CLASS	Current Week 02/01/03(1)	Previous Week 01/25/03
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	151,807(2)	147,964
LT HENS	1,724	1,899
HVY HENS	1,480	1,338
TOTAL	155,011	151,201

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 01-Feb-03 is 154.2 million head compared to 155.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 152.1 million head or 2.1 million less than estimated available. For week of 08-Feb-03 the estimated available is 153.8 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO
ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
DECEMBER 21	154.7	144.4	107%	5.07
28	109.3	140.8	78%	5.10
JANUARY 4	128.3	142.4	90%	5.15
11	154.4	149.1	104%	5.11
18	155.0	152.4	102%	5.14
25	145.9	152.9	95%	5.17
YEAR TO DATE	583.6	596.8	98%	
FEBRUARY 1		154.2		
8		153.8		

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers f.o.b. and Delivered to First Receivers at major market areas week of 01/27/03-02/01/03 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	53.00-56.00	55.49	42	57.85	77	
Los Angeles	67.00	65.90	62	64.60	147	
New York	53.00-56.00	56.39	23	56.48	51	

12-CITY COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from		
27-Jan-03	20-Jan-03	20-Jan-03	28-Jan-02
60.13	0.08	60.05	57.10

NUMBER OF LOADS 576

MONTHLY 12-CITY WTD AVG PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS

MONTH	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	LOADS
JANUARY	60.46	2712.80

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/**8-16 LB HENS**

EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-61	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57-59	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	56-58	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of

1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)
SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 01/27/03	2,159	140,399	76,468
AM 01/01/03	2,000	131,968	79,054
CHG	159	8,431	-2,586
PCT CHG	8%	6%	-3%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 27-Jan-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-9.5 CENTS/LB.	7-8.5	7.91
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	5.5-11.25 CENTS/LB.	7-8.5	8.18

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

LIGHT TYPE 24-JAN-03

Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

	RANGE	MAJORITY
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Eastern

Removal Cost	0-7	3-5
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So. Central

Removal Cost	Too Few To Report	
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No. Central

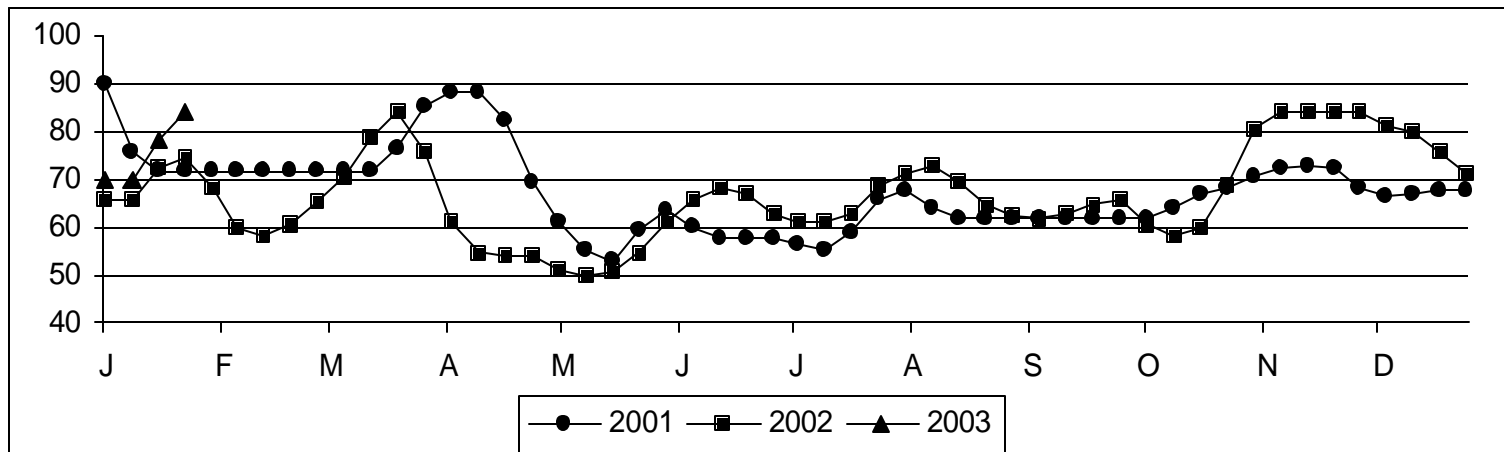
Removal Cost	2-6	2.5-4
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**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)**

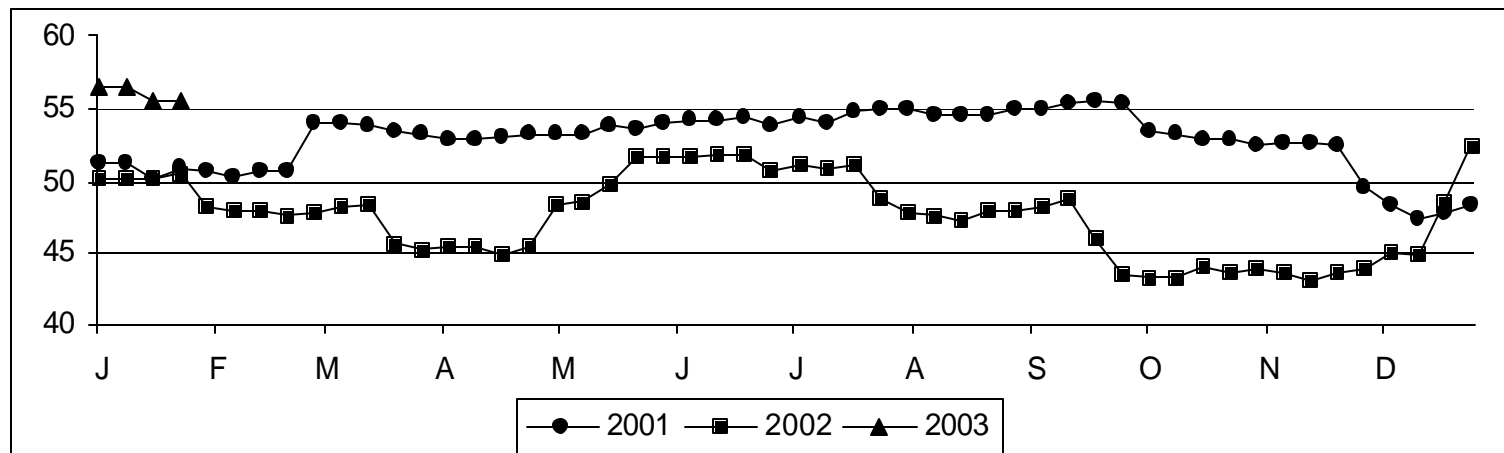
W/E 25-Jan-03

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	225.6	-1	0
E.N. CENTRAL	525.7	-13	-4
W.N. CENTRAL	274.2	-9	-9
S. ATLANTIC	192.5	0	11
S. CENTRAL	90.8	1	14
WEST	184.6	-6	2
TOTAL	1493.4	-8	-1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		87	86

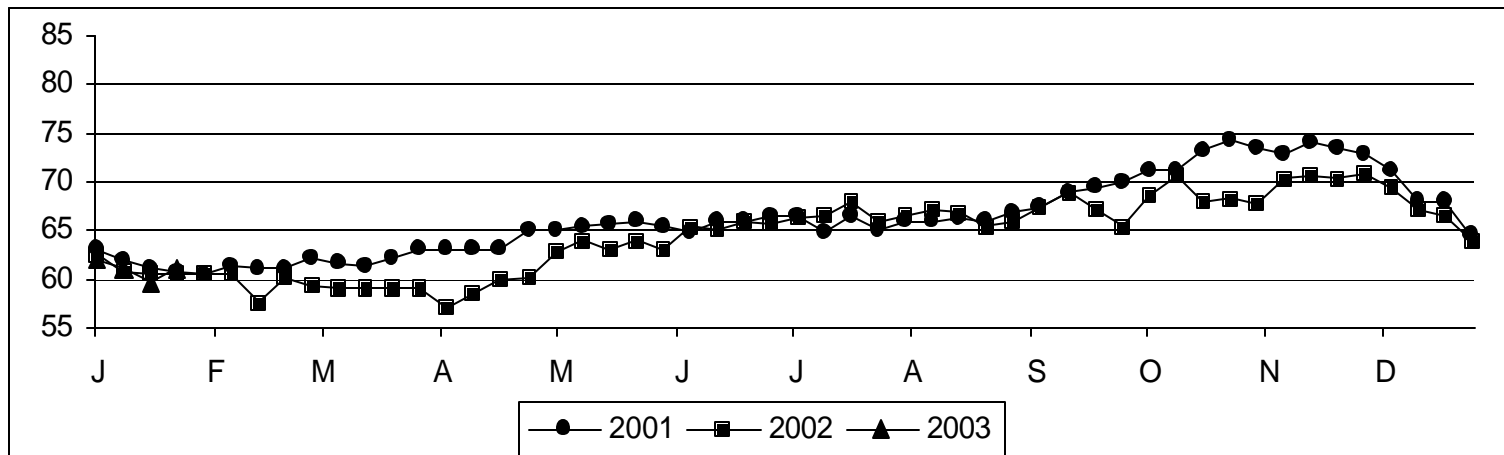
New York Large Weekly Average Price Cents per Dozen



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices Cents per Pound



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys Cents per Pound



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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